

Baptists Discuss Religion Issue

By The Baptist Press

The Arkansas Baptist News-magazine, a Southern Baptist Weekly newspaper, deplored in an editorial July 21 the Democratic Party nomination of a Roman Catholic for President of the United States.

Editor Erwin L. McDonald of Little Rock said that his nomination may be the "big jar" needed "to wake us up to what is happening all about us."

He declared the religious issue in the campaign has been injected "like a hypodermic

needle by the Roman Catholic Church."

Editor McDonald said, "We are not against Catholicism as a religious faith . . . Roman Catholicism is more than a religion. It is totalitarianism with a world organization centering in a foreign land and denying the right of any religion to exist outside its own hierarchy."

Skepticism

Elsewhere among Southern Baptists, reaction to the Democratic nomination of Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts met outright opposition or skepticism.

Speaking in his pulpit prior to the Democratic National Convention, which nominated Kennedy, Pastor W. A. Criswell of First Baptist Church, Dallas, said:

"If Kennedy is nominated and elected, it will inevitably open the door for a United States Ambassador to the Roman Catholic Church, tax support for Catholic schools, and finally the recognition of the Roman Church above all others."

Dangers

H. F. Paschal, pastor of Nashville's First Baptist Church warned in a sermon of dangers he said could come from a Catholic President.

Paschal had just returned from South America, where he said he observed what it is like to live in countries in which the political state and the Roman Catholic Church are not separated.

Pastors in other Baptist churches asked members to pray for party leaders selecting their nominees for the presidency.

The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention continued with plans to discuss the topic: "Should a Roman Catholic Be Elected to Public Office?" The topic will be discussed at Baptist Summer Assemblies in Ridgeland, N. C., and Glorieta, N. (Continued on Page 3)

World Bible Study Crusade Is Proposed

By Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins

The report of the Commission on Bible Study and Membership Training made to the Rio World Congress included a memorial from state Sunday school secretaries and staff members and editors of the Baptist Sunday School Board for an International Sunday School Convention to be held in 1965.

The Convention, it is suggested, may be held in Miami preceding or following the World Congress. It would seek to bring together representatives of Baptist bodies from all the nations in a great week of inspiration, stimulation, and information looking toward a world-girdling crusade for Bible teaching and membership training. The International Convention would come as the climax of the next five years of intensive study and promotion by the Commission, as it carries forward its plans to enlist Baptist churches everywhere in establishing and developing the "all-age Sunday school" and the graded Training Union or its equivalent.

Advance

Following the International Convention, the five year period from 1965 to 1970 would be devoted to advance in all areas necessary for the implementation of the ideal of graded Sunday school and training organization in every Baptist church which agrees to cooperate in the movement. This would call for improvement in indigenous literature, in buildings suited for teaching and training programs, in utilization of these organizations.

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MOSCOW SAYS BAPTISTS ARE ANTI-RED

MOSCOW (RNS) — Moscow Radio, in one of its atheistic broadcasts, turned its verbal guns on Baptists in the U. S. S. R. as enemies of Communism.

It cautioned its listeners not to be "misled by the Baptists' absence of magnificent churches with cupolas and crosses or long-haired priests in vestments, because they just don't have such things."

What must be remembered, the station admonished, is that "the Baptists are one of the most active Christian sects in our country — one which has the most vitality."

"Their headquarters," it added, "are at Washington in the United States, where the Baptist World Alliance is located. Baptists pretend that they do not oppose Communism, and some naive people believe them. But, like other Christian sects, they, too, work against the progress of Communism."

BROTHERHOOD APPOINTS LAY LEADER

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — R. L. Sherrick, Memphis insurance executive and a widely known Baptist lay leader, has been named business and circulation manager of the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. George W. Schroeder, executive secretary of the Com-

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Church Building In New Record

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — Church construction during the first six months of 1960 reached \$463,000,000, an increase of 8 percent over the same period last year, the Census Bureau reported here.

Construction of new religious edifices during June totaled \$82,000,000, compared with \$77,000,000 in May. This was an increase of \$3,000,000 over last June, and represented a new record for the month.

Construction by the non-public schools and colleges, most of which are church-related, showed an upward spurt during June, reaching \$48,000,000, an increase of \$2,000,000 over May and of \$6,000,000 over last June. This raised construction to \$278,000,000 for the first six months of this year, an increase of 7 percent over the 1959 level.

2 Percent Ahead

Non-profit hospitals and institutions erected \$45,000,000 worth of new buildings in June, \$1,000,000 less than in May and \$3,000,000 less than the same month a year ago. Construction by these institutions, many of which are church-related, was \$281,000,000 for the first six months, however, still 2 percent ahead of last year's mark.

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Name New Assembly Director



Arthur L. Nelson

Arthur L. Nelson of Jackson, business manager of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, has been elected by the Executive Committee of the Board as Director of Mississippi Baptist Assemblies, effective November 1, it has been announced by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Jackson, state executive secretary-treasurer.

He succeeds W. R. Roberts of Jackson, Mississippi representative of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, Dallas, who resigned to devote full time to that position.

Michigan Native

Mr. Nelson, who will serve as assembly director in addition to

his present responsibilities, is a native of Stambaugh, Michigan. He is a graduate of North Park Junior College, Chicago, Illinois, and the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, where he received the BBA degree.

Was Comptroller

Prior to coming to the Board in January, 1958, he was secretary-treasurer of Townsend Piano Company, Jackson. From 1946 to 1957 he was comptroller for Mississippi Products, Inc., Jackson.

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ADMINISTRATOR PAUL J. PRYOR and student nurse June Rimes examine an oxygen unit in one of the surgical rooms in the new Emergency Unit of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism

By Rev. D. D. Jackson, B.A.

London

Every word of this mighty sentence (One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism) belongs to the resurrection side of the Gospel and points to Christ.

There Is One Lord

LORD is the title of the risen Christ. It was bestowed on Him by God. God gave Him up to the Cross. God raised Him from the dead. God took Him up into Heaven. God highly exalted Him. The title Lord is God's acknowledgment of the risen Saviour. The title has never been given by God to another, nor delegated by Christ to anyone else. It belongs to Him alone. There is ONE Lord. That is the basic fact of the Universe.

There is no salvation for mankind without Jesus. There is no Kingdom of God among men apart from Him.

We Baptists accept the Lordship of Christ. We say to earthly rulers that they are mortal men who have no power over the immortal souls of their subjects. We respect Luther and the Reformers, yet wish that they had broken away from the State churches of their day. We reject the Roman Catholic notion that our Lord has any need of the one they call Our Lady.

We remind Pope and Prelate that the one Lord is also the sole head of the church. We tell the leaders of the Ecumenical movement that we can never unite with any church while its

forms of worship are under the control of a man-made Parliament.

Yet at the same time we ourselves, as Baptists, must take more seriously the fact that Christ is Lord.

The glory of the Lord on the Damascus Road made Paul color-blind. Some of us need the

The Terror of the Lord moved Paul to persuade men to repentance. Some of us need a sharper edge on our preaching. Paul, in his doctrine, manner of life, and purpose, bowed the knee to Christ the Lord. We

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PILOTS PRESS FOR BANNING OF LIQUOR

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)

—A compromise bill to strengthen the hand of the Postmaster General in dealing with obscenity in the mail was unanimously passed by the Senate.

The measure now goes back to the House for concurrence in the Senate amendments. Action is virtually certain to be completed during the short extra session scheduled to open August 15 and the bill will go to the President for his signature.

Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson (D-Tex.) called up the bill, H.R. 7379, sponsored by Rep. Kathryn Granahan (D-Pa.) within a few hours after it was reported to the floor by the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee.

Could Impound

The compromise bill will make it possible for the Postmaster General to impound indefinitely the mail of a suspected smut peddler, pending the

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The religious leaders have received support here from the Air Line Pilots Association which has told a hearing called by the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee that such legislation is urgently needed.

Hearing Called

The hearing, which was confined to representatives of the pilots and stewardesses and the Federal Aviation Agency — which opposes such a ban — was called by the full committee after its Aviation subcommittee recommended that the bill be reported to the floor.

Clarence N. Sayen, president

Editor Proposes Million Dollar Relief Program

DALLAS, Tex. (EP) — The editor of the *Baptist Standard*, official weekly organ of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, has proposed a million dollar Southern Baptist relief fund to help disaster-stricken people around the world.

Dr. E. S. James declared that the 9,500,000 Southern Baptists

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of the Air Line Pilots Association, in strong and outspoken terms told the Senators that, in the opinion of the pilots who fly commercial airliners, the arrival of the jet age has greatly increased the danger of allowing alcoholic beverages to be

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Helicopters Airlift Congo Missionaries

Caught in the anti-white demonstrations following the Congos' independence on June 30th, American missionaries have been assaulted or held under siege in the strife-torn new nation.

Sixty American Presbyterians and their families in northern Katanga province were cut off from outside communications by mutinous Congolese soldiers; two American missionary women were reportedly assaulted during the riots and 18 were evacuated by helicopter from the Kimpesi Missionary Station near the port of Matadi on the Congo River.

Most Protestant missionaries in the Congo are Presbyterians, Baptists or Salvation Army workers. According to 1959 statistics, 45 mission societies were operating in the country at that time, staffed by 2,608 missionaries and by 645 ordained Congolese pastors. Adult members of the Protestant Churches numbered 821,025, and the total of those under instruction for baptism was 345,473.

The U. S. State Department has recommended that all American missionaries be evacuated at once from the Congo Republic.

Baptists

"We continue to get many inquiries about Southern Baptist missionaries in the Congo. There are no Southern Baptist missionaries in the Congo," reports Miss Ione Gray, Director of Press Relations, Foreign Mission Board, SBC.

American Baptist Foreign Mission Society has confirmed July 14 newscast that its mis-

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Rio Programs To Be Aired By NBC From NY

Three more programs centered on the recent Baptist World Congress in Rio De Janeiro will be aired by "Faith In Action", 15-minute weekly radio feature

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JOE T. O'DOLE, Editor

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A Time For Concern

A Roman Catholic has been nominated as a candidate for president of the United States.

This action cannot but cause grave concern in the hearts of multitudes of people all over our land.

For the past several months there has been open and frank discussions concerning the problems raised by such an action. Through the press and in public discussion the issues have been appraised.

The question of any man's right to his own religious beliefs has never been raised. The problem is whether that man can separate himself from the political plans and purposes of the hierarchy of his church.

It was sincerely hoped by many that the nation would not have to face the issue this fall. However, it has now come to pass and the issue is now before the American voter.

The situation has not changed. The problems which have been discussed are just as great as ever. They cannot be overlooked by those who believe in complete separation of Church and State, and absolute religious freedom.

Having just returned from South America where, in almost every country, we saw the effects of the dominance of Roman Catholicism as the majority religion, and having last year visited in Italy and Spain, where we saw closed churches and met persecuted people, we cannot but fear what would happen in America, if Catholicism ever gained such a position of power here.

It is surely a time for heart searching. Every individual must face the issue with prayer for wisdom and guidance from God. As never before we need to earnestly pray that our priceless heritages of freedom may be preserved.

One Year

One year ago I sat in the Baptist Record editorial chair for the first time, having just been elected as interim editor. Two and one half months later I assumed the position of editor. This has been a very interesting and gratifying year for me.

It has been a joy to work with a splendid Baptist Record staff in producing the paper each week.

It has been a privilege to visit through the printed page the more than 90,000 homes of our Baptist Record family each week. Circulation one year ago was 90,282, while last week it was 92,143.

It has been a blessing to work with every leader, department and institution of Mississippi and Southern Baptists in the promotion of our entire program, and with each pastor in the promotion of his church work.

There has been a rich fellowship with other Baptist editors and leaders.

Much has been learned in this brief period about the editorial and publication field. There has been found a new point of view through which to look at Baptist and World affairs. Recognition has come of how much more I must yet learn.

All in all, it has been a good year, and I thank God for the privilege I have had of being in this place of service. It is my sincere and earnest prayer as I face the years ahead, that with each passing week I may be able to do my work in a little better way, and more effectively serve the churches and the denomination.

Strong Meat

The author of Hebrews discusses "milk" and "strong meat" in the Spiritual diet of Christians, and speaks of the need for "strong meat" to produce growth and strength. This is found in the closing section of the fifth chapter.

The context reveals that "strong meat" refers to doctrinal truths and principles which the Christian needs to understand. The writer was concerned that many were still needing to be fed "milk" when they should have been able to use "strong meat".

In our day, as in that New Testament day, too many Christians have been too long on a "milk" diet, and do not know or understand the great doctrinal truths of the Word of God, the very fundamentals of Christian and Church life.

There is a feeling on the part of some that "doctrinal preaching" is impractical and unpopular, and that sermons must be on popular themes and practical subjects. The result has been that many Christians and church members do not know what we believe, and have no convictions concerning the great fundamentals which are the foundation of our faith. The inevitable result is a weak Christianity. Many people have long felt a deep concern about this.

It was encouraging to see the great emphasis that was given to doctrine in the program at the recent Baptist World Alliance Congress in Brazil. While consideration was given to the "practical" phases of our Baptist work and program, most of the messages dealt with doctrinal themes.

Among the subjects discussed were these: "One God and Father of Us All"; "The Lordship of Christ"; "The Lord is the Spirit"; "The Risen Lord"; "One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism"; "The Priesthood of Believers"; "The Power of the Word"; and "The Lord and His Church". These are "strong meat" subjects and not "milk", yet they were interestingly and challengingly presented, and stirred the hearts of all who heard them. We plan to publish some of the messages in the Record and are using one in this issue.

Such emphasis reveals the soundness of our Baptist World Alliance program and relationships. As long as Baptists of the world continue to proclaim the great fundamentals of God's Word, advance will continue.

We further believe that such an emphasis needs to come right down to the pulpit of the average Church. Perhaps we are wrong, but it seems to us that there is not as much doctrinal preaching today as there should be. We fear that many of our people do not know what we as Baptists believe nor why. We feel that they need to know the great truths of Christianity, and the principles which make us Baptists. They will never know unless they are taught from the pulpit.

Such preaching demands the very best from the preacher. He must spend much time in study and in prayer that he may bring such messages in power and in an interesting manner. We believe, however, that such preaching will be richly rewarding as Christians grow in faith and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and become grounded in the truths of God's Word.



19TH CENTURY BAPTIST PRESS

BAPTISTS LONG DIVIDED OVER SLAVERY QUESTION

RICHMOND, Virginia, January 1845—(BP)—Slavery, the issue which treats to split northern and southern Baptists, has long been a knotty problem in the denomination.

Although abolitionists are strongest in the North and most slaveholders live in southern states, feeling over the question is sharply divided in all sections.

In 1789, for example, John Leland led Virginia Baptists to petition the General Assembly to outlaw slavery in the state. Baptists associations in many southern states have adopted resolutions opposing the buying and selling of slaves.

Recognizing slavery as an explosive issue, many Baptists in the North have taken a moderate stand. When the Triennial Convention met in Philadelphia last year, all but 80 of the 460 delegates were from the North. The Convention unanimously adopted a neutral position on the slavery question, however.

Abolitionists apparently are responsible for the changed attitude toward slavery, having inflamed feelings in both the North and South. Many slaveholders have inherited their slaves and favor freeing them gradually. They rebel, however, at the idea of forced and sudden emancipation.

Both sides feel that their position on the slavery question is Christian and scriptural. While abolitionists insist that slavery is against all principles of Christianity, slaveholders argue that the Bible has nothing to say against slavery and that Negroes owe their salvation to the fact that they were first brought to this country as slaves.

Thousands of Negro slaves are members of Baptist churches in the South. They worship in the same church with whites, are baptized by the same pastor, and have a limited voice in the government of the local church.

Slavery has proved troublesome because it is at once a political, economic, social, moral, and religious issue. It probably would have divided Baptists long ago except that many leaders have worked to preserve unity and have hesitated to interfere in local church affairs.

Statesmen and businessmen as well as religious leaders have sought to steer a course of moderation on the slavery question, aware of the danger of civil war. A split among Baptists appears imminent, however, and an even wider breach between the states may follow.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

An Alarming Trend

LaRue Moore, Editor
Lubbock (Texas) Baptist Association
Newsletter

There is a trend in our churches today which is alarming, even tragic. With slightest provocation individual church members are taking a stand of open opposition to pastoral leadership, and campaigning against him until a sufficient number has been aligned against the pastor to defeat the program of the church and embarrass the pastor and his family.

Why sensible people can be brought to listen to an envious, inactive, non-spiritual antagonist is really a puzzle.

Usually the campaign is launched when the pastor is preaching with power and people are being saved and uniting with the church. The attendance will be at its best.

But these antagonizers usually start whispering, "I do not know why our pastor is not spiritual" . . . "I cannot understand why the Holy Spirit is not on our pastor". Let this be said, "The spiritual dearth is not in the pastor, it is in the backslidden heart of the antagonist."

The evidence, the best evidence, of a pastor's ministry and being Spirit led and filled, is that God blesses his preaching and pastoral work with souls won to Christ. And no church member is Spirit led who, in an unChristian attitude and act, attacks unjustly his pastor, or any other fellow Christian.

Unless a preacher is either morally unclean or doctrinally wrong in his life, or unchristian in attitudes, no member has any right to try to usurp the work of the Holy Spirit in moving a pastor. To do that borders blasphemy, if not altogether.

Personal likes and dislikes should never be used to denounce a preacher and defeat a church. If God called him, the Holy Spirit made him overseer of the church of which he is pastor, and the Holy Spirit will move him!

We need to quit acting like the Devil, and at the same time usurping the Holy Spirit's work with such disastrous results.

Whosoever has true love envies no one, seeks himself in nothing, but desires only the great glory of God in all things.—Thomas A. Kempes.

An active faith can give thanks for a promise, though it be not as yet performed; knowing that God's bonds are as good as ready money.—Matthew Henry.

One person with a belief is equal to a force of 99 who have only interests.—John Stuart Mill.

The Baptist Forum

For Separation Of Church and State

We, the Deacons of First Baptist Church, Cleveland, believe in the principle of separation of Church and State.

We believe that this principle places an obligation upon the State to stay out of Church affairs and it likewise places an obligation upon the Church to stay out of State affairs. We believe that each party to the principle has an equal responsibility to leave the other alone.

If Mississippi Baptists and

the Baptist Record are unwilling to leave State affairs to the State, we cannot expect the State to leave Church affairs to the Church.

If the Baptist Church is a political party, we should qualify as such with the Secretary of State. If not, we should leave politics to the politicians and the people.

CHARLES W. EUDY,
Chairman
MILLS L. ROGERS,
Secretary

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The Baptist Record thoroughly agrees that churches and religious denominations should not meddle in purely political affairs.

However, when issues that affect the church or the relationship between church and state are at stake, or when moral issues are concerned, we do not see how churches, denominations or individual Christians can keep silent.

We can, by default, lose our liberties or see the moral foundations destroyed if we keep silent when efforts are being made to take them from us.

KOREA CRIES FOR MORE MISSIONARIES

Greeting from the "Riviera of Korea." Actually, Pusan is nestled among high mountains at the edge of the sea and the view from our missionary compound is especially beautiful. We can watch the ships come and go every day; see the women divers in the sea in search of the fine delicacy, seaweed; and behind us rises a mountain of no little height.

We finished our second year of language study on schedule and are making preparations to begin third-year study. One thing about studying Korean; the more you study, the more you realize you need to study.

Guy does use his few sermons in Korean frequently and we hope the people understand those better than a sermon thru an interpreter.

Pusan is a city of teeming thousands. A city of refugees. A city of great sin and poverty. A city where church steeples are not difficult to see against the sky, but she is a city where most of her people have never heard the name of Jesus. It is true that many have found Christ through our hospital ministry here and through the three organized Baptist churches, but the field is truly white unto harvest.

There is a small church located near the compound of which we are especially proud.

A real need was felt for a church to be started in this area and through your gifts through the Co-operative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering a lovely piece of land overlooking the ocean was purchased.

chased. The church was begun in the living room of one of the missionaries and met there until a month ago. They average between 75 and 150 children in Sunday School.

They diligently worked, making their own concrete blocks, etc., and for several Sundays worshipped without a roof over their heads. Fortunately, the Lord allowed the sun to shine on those days. Last Saturday saw a new roof on the building and Sunday brought the first hard rain of the rainy season.

The Guy Hendersons
Baptist Mission
P. O. Box 76
Pusan, Korea.

Counselor's Corner

By Dr. R. Lofton Hudson

"NO ONE CAN TELL YOU" OR

"RISK YOUR MISTAKES"

QUESTION: I am a young 18 years old and I am in love with a boy who is just a few months older than I. My mother told me to stop going with him after

we had gone together one year. I did.

Since we broke up I haven't found anyone I like. What can I do?

I don't want to make the wrong move so I

would like for you to tell me what to do.

ANSWER: I wish someone would tell me what to do, too. At least, a part of me, the childish part of me, does.

It may sound strange for a counselor to say, but one human being cannot tell another how to keep from making a wrong move. Not usually. In counseling we try to help people to become mature enough to trust themselves in making decisions. All of us have to risk error and failure. Only God knows. We human beings have to judge, think, suppose, trust, hope.

I'll tell you what to do. Think.

Pray. Listen to your mother but judge and act for yourself.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, 116 West 47th Street, Kansas City 12, Missouri.)

Calendar Of Prayer

July 25 — Mrs. Percy Barnett, Baptist Orphanage staff; Mrs. T. J. Barnes, Seminary Extension Department.

July 26 — Lon Booker, Jr., Adams Associational Sunday School Superintendent; James C. Petty, Mississippi College faculty.

July 27 — M. P. Jones, Copiah Associational Clerk; Guy Graham, Itawamba Associational Superintendent of Missions.

July 28 — Kenneth C. Duke, Baptist Student Director, Copiah-Lincoln Junior College; J. C. McGraw, William Carey College faculty.

July 29 — Mrs. Evelyn Marshall Wilbanks, Blue Mountain faculty; Tommy Lovern, Calhoun Associational Music Director.

July 30 — L. I. Myers, Bolivar Association President; O. D. Morris, District Representative, Sunday School Department.

July 31 — Andrew Clark, Baptist Building; Mrs. C. C. Rogers, Covington Associational Clerk.

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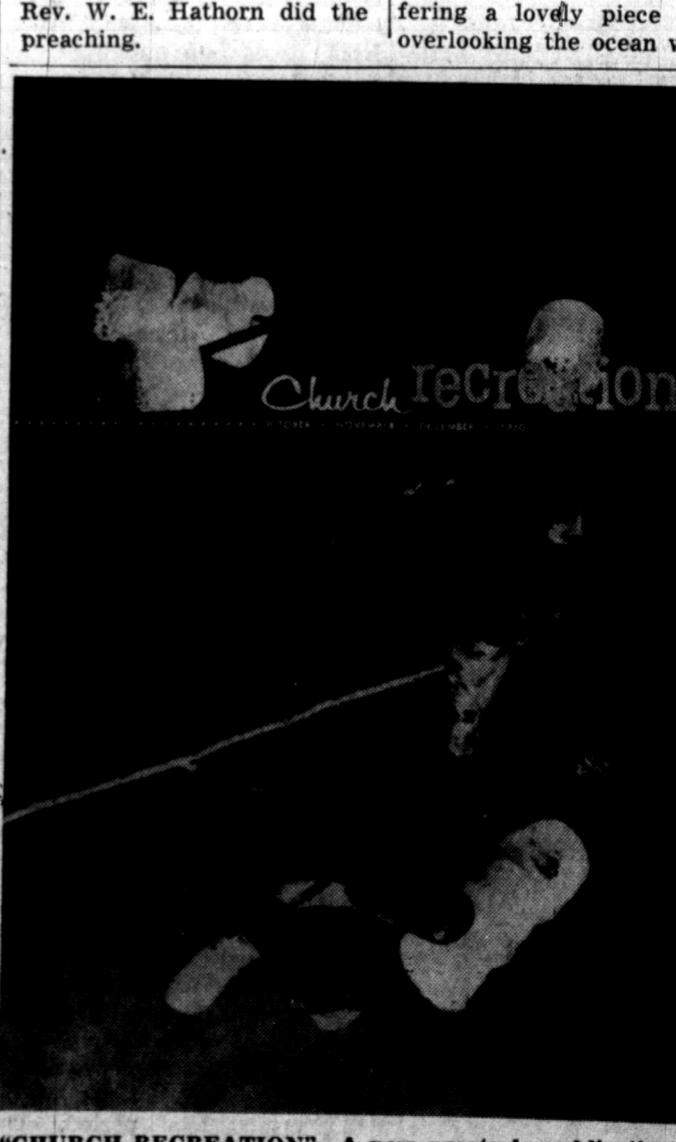
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"CHURCH RECREATION"—A new quarterly publication of the Baptist Sunday School Board—will have a cover like this when it first appears in the final quarter of 1960. The 52-page magazine will be "chock-full" of interesting and practical ideas about socials, fellowships, banquets, camping, drama, crafts, and sports. Suggestions will be included for every age group—children through senior adults. Mrs. Agnes Pylant, secretary of the Board's Church Recreation Service, is editor of the new periodical.

True Worship Points To God

By Carl A. Clark, Professor
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I visited in a church once where the worship service was terribly distracting. It seems that everyone was restless, most everyone talked, the children moved about, and even those who led the service were not very reserved in what they did. It was a joyful occasion but it appeared to be more of a social experience than a worship experience. It made me ask myself the questions, "Why do we come to church? What is a worship service for? What is it that we try to do when we call people to worship God?"

Informality in Worship

As Southern Baptists we have consistently used an informal type worship service. That is to say, we have not cared for the liturgical type of service in which there is more ritual and ceremony. We have desired that our services be more spontaneous and free, and that there be less of a fixed pattern that the people must follow.

There are many different approaches to worship. Some have described it in such terms that only a liturgical form will satisfy the definition. Some have said worship is man's response to God in the revelation of Himself. The approach that has most nearly satisfied my own thinking is that worship is communion with God.

If this is true, then the thing I want to accomplish when I attend a worship service is to be in personal relationship with God through the Holy Spirit.

I want to feel the Spirit of God tugging at my heart.

I need to dedicate myself to him. Frankly, if I attend a worship service and come away never having felt within my heart that I have been in the presence of God, then I don't feel I have worshipped.

If this approach is in harmony with Baptist position, then anything can go into a worship service which will help the individual come into a personal fellowship with God. Anything, however, that would prevent a person from having personal communion with God is a distraction and should be eliminated from the worship service.

This puts worship on a strictly private basis, but the public worship service is conducted in order that it might help an individual come into personal re-

lationship with God. As I conduct a worship service, I want to put into it those things that would help the individual commune with God. So the public service is an attempt to encourage individuals in their personal devotion to God. The purpose of conducting public worship is to surround an individual with an environment that is conducive to personal worship experience. Anything that is not conducive to worship is out of place.

Planning Worship

If we are to help people worship, then we must plan the service in such a way to accomplish this purpose. We might ask ourselves a few questions. Is there anything in the building that would distract the attention of the person from worshipping? An old poster or gaudy picture can keep a person from worshipping. In fact, personally, I do not care for a picture on the baptistry because I have such a vivid imagination that I can just imagine myself walking up the sides of the hills as they rise from the banks of the river. As a result, I go off in a flight of fancy instead of worshipping. I would prefer that there be no picture, or that curtains be drawn except during the baptismal service.

We might ask ourselves questions like these: Does this service help a person to realize the goodness and greatness of God? Does the service give an opportunity for the individual to adore and praise God? Does it make the individual aware of the Holy Spirit?

A Yearning for God

Does it cause the individual in the presence of God to have a genuine sense of repentance for sin and a longing for the forgiveness that only God can give? Does it put into the heart of the worshipper a yearning for the will of God to be done both in his own life, in his church, and in his community? Does it cause the worshipper to feel a burden for the sin of people who are lost, even those on distant mission fields?

Some searching questions similar to these would help us prepare our services and make them more worshipful in atmosphere. The pastor and music director are perhaps the ones most responsible for this. However, the worship atmosphere is dependent upon the sensitivity of every individual who is present in the services.

This is not to say that a worship service should be such a solemn and staid affair that it becomes cold and uninspirational. It does mean however, that the things that keep a person from worshipping by all means ought to be eliminated. It also means that we should put into the service music, scripture reading, prayer, and sermon in such a way that it will make it possible for people to come more intimately into the presence of Almighty God.

Bible Institute Employs Liberty Music Minister

GRACEVILLE, Fla. — Baptist Bible Institute will put its music department on a full-time basis this fall with a new director, the president, Dr. Jas. E. Southerland, announced.

The new man will be Lynn Bartlow, minister of music for the Liberty Church, Liberty, Mississippi.

Mr. Bartlow holds the Bachelor of Music Education degree from Murray State College, Ky.; the Master of Arts with a major in music, from the University of Kentucky; and the Master of Sacred Music from New Orleans Seminary.

He taught music in secondary schools 14 years, and not only plays the piano, organ, and violin, but also various band instruments. He has taught three years in Ouachita and William Carey Colleges. He has served as minister of music in Baptist churches in Missouri, Kentucky, Arkansas, Tennessee and Mississippi.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartlow have three children, Bob 14, Lois 11, and Carolyn 6. They will live in Graceville.

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QUEENS REGENT at the G. A. Coronation at First Church, Jackson, were, left to right: Martha Ruth Stovall, Marty Smira, Mary Jordan, Melinda Stennett, Sandra Black and Linda Combs. Ninety-five girls participated in the Coronation Service. Mrs. Bryant Cummings is WMU president and Mrs. Robert Smira is WMU Director. Dr. Douglas Hudgins is pastor.



FIRST CHURCH, PURVIS held a G. A. Coronation service recently, recognizing three Maidens, one Lady-in-Waiting, and six Princesses, and crowning two Queens, Louise Sumrall and Lydia Cole. Rev. Harold E. O'Chester is pastor; Mrs. A. F. Pylant is the G. A. Director.



THREE QUEENS were crowned at a G. A. Coronation Service held at Center Ridge Church (Yazoo). These Queens, Mary Sutherland, Connie Carley, and Carolyn Russell, are shown in the above picture. There were two Princesses and three Ladies-in-Waiting. These Queens have the distinction of being the first Queens crowned by the Center Ridge Church. Mrs. Willis Sutherland and Mrs. Joseph Carley are the G. A. counselors and Rev. Floyd Higginbotham is the pastor.



FIRST CHURCH, GULFPORT held a G. A. Coronation on June 22, with Mrs. A. A. Douglas, Associational G. A. Director presiding. Dr. Landrum Leavell, pastor, crowned four Queens, Carolyn Cartree, Dolly Flurry, Olivia House, and Betty Jean Johnson. Barbara Woodely became Queen-with-a-Scepter, receiving her scepter from Chuck Moody, Youth Director. Karen Rich became Queen Regent her cape presented to her by Mrs. L. P. Woodley, G. A. Director. Eleven Maidens, eleven Ladies-in-Waiting, and four Princesses received awards, presented by Mrs. Landrum Leavell and Mrs. Sam Alman Jr.



CORONATION, FIRST CHURCH YAZOO CITY—In the recent coronation there were nine G. A.'s recognized as Maidens, nine Ladies-in-Waiting, 22 Princesses, 11 Queens, 8 Queens-with-Scepter, and two Queens Regent. Mrs. Curtis Askew, missionary to Japan, was the guest speaker. Rev. Harold A. Shirley is the pastor. Mrs. Owen Cooper is G. A. Director.

NEW ALLIANCE PRESIDENT
—Delegates to the 10th Congress of the Baptist World Alliance elected as their president for the next five years John Soren, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He previously served as an Alliance vice president.—(BP) Photo.

New Books

A PROTESTANT SPEAKS HIS MIND by Ilion T. Jones (Westminster, 237 pp., \$3.95).

This reviewer has not read a more important book on the relationships between Protestants and Roman Catholics. The author begins by dealing with the idea of some ecumenicalists that Protestantism and Catholicism can ultimately be brought to unity, and shows the fallaciousness of this idea. He discusses the great doctrines and principles of Protestantism and compares them with the doctrines of Catholicism. He then moves into the political realm and discusses the problems involved in a Catholic president. This is a must book for those who would be fully informed on this timely subject.

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF COUNSELING by Clyde M. Narramore (Zondervan, 303 pp., \$3.95).

A Christian psychologist presents a thorough discussion of the important field of counseling. Professional techniques for pastors, teachers, youth leaders and all others who are called upon to counsel. Deals with basic concepts and techniques, and special areas of the work. There is one important section on the use of the Scripture in counseling.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ROME by John H. Gerstner (Baker, 34 pp., paper, 50¢).

Contrasts Roman Catholic teaching with Bible teaching on Justification, the Bible, the Priesthood and the Sacrament, and the Church. An appendix deals with Protestant-Catholic marriages.

HE SENT LEANNESS by David Head (Macmillan, 62 pp., \$1.25).

Prayer is not humorous, but some of our praying might be amusing if we could stand off and look at it. This author seeks to show us our selfishness and "natural-man" characteristics in a humorous vein.

THE STORY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH by L. R. Wall (Western Christian Press, 62 pp., \$1.99).

Quarterly lesson books for use in Young People's or Adult organizations.

SOUL WINNING, THE CHRISTIAN'S BUSINESS by Dorothy C. Haskin (Baker, 53 pp., 75¢).

Fourteen lesson in personal soul-winning.

What's Wrong With 50?

By ALLEN O. WEBB,
San Antonio

Recently a pulpit committee visited in the services where a fine man serves as pastor. They had checked his record in baptisms, leadership and character. Everything pointed to the fact that he was the kind of pastor they wanted.

He preached with unusual freedom and power that morning. The majority of the committee believed that he would be a good pastor for their church. The minority said, "Let's get a younger man."

He was not considered further.

In the business world, men of 50 are respected for their wisdom and experience, which can be gained only by time spent in service. In the political field, most men achieve their greatest goals after the age of 50. Their age never discredits them.

When God directly chose men for specific responsibilities, their greatest tasks were assigned after they were 50 years of age. Moses was 80 years old when he led the children of Israel out of bondage.

Could it be that our pulpit committees are praying, "Lord, lead us to the right man; but we don't want him if he is past 50"? Some churches would get along far better with the wisdom of experienced leadership to guide them.

God will still lead people to the right man if committees seek His leadership, but it is doubtful that Scriptural justification can ever be found for not considering a man who is 50.

If this attitude should generally prevail, we should request the Annuity Board to reduce the retirement age to 50.



THE 1960 STUDENT BODY of the Seminary of Christian Educators (North Brazil Baptist Training School), Recife, Brazil.

BRAZIL TRAINING SCHOOL ACCREDITATION ACCEPTED

The Seminary of Christian Educators (North Brazil Baptist Training School), Recife, recently tested the acceptance of its year-old accreditation by the Federal Education Department of Brazil.

Key figure in the test case was Nalva Maciel of the 1959 graduating class, the first to receive accredited diplomas. Nalva applied for graduate study in the School of Philosophy of the University of Recife.

The Training School was then required to present complete documentation justifying its accreditation to the University's technical committee. After two hours of deliberation, the committee voted unanimously to accept graduates of the Baptist

school.

The North Brazil Training School had been striving for this acceptance since 1954 when it made its first inquiry concerning accreditation. Reliable sources say it is the first denominational school for girls in Brazil to be accredited.

80 Girls

Among the 80 girls in the 1960 student body are 14 alumnae who returned for a semester or full term in order to finish work necessary for an accredited diploma. Each of these has been engaged in denominational work.

Eighteen students are enrolled in the advanced religious education course this year, working toward a bachelor's degree. This four-year course offers three areas of specialization: religious education, church music, and social work. The first graduate from the course, Marialva Goncalves, is now director of religious education for First Baptist Church, Jequie, in the state of Bahia.

The Training School also offers a four-year religious pedagogy course which trains teachers for Baptist schools in Brazil. And in addition to the 80 regular students there are 23 girls and women enrolled in a two-year course for lay workers in local churches, which meets two afternoons a week.

Missionary Martha Hairston is director of the North Brazil school. During her 1961 furlough Dona Ruth Meneses, dean and teacher, will be interim director, a position she also held in 1956 when Miss Hairston was in the States. In addition to her position with the Training School, Dona Ruth, widow and mother of four children, is president of the Brazilian Woman's Missionary Union and a loyal worker in her local church.

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Leadership Encampment

Our annual Leadership Encampment will be held August 26-27 at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, Mississippi. The program is so designed

as to give instruction and information as well as inspiration. We are dividing the registration into five conference groups. Provision is being made for pastors and educational directors, associational missionaries, associational officers, church Brotherhood officers, and Royal Ambassador leadership. There will be four conference periods of approximately forty-five minutes duration in which a qualified person will direct each group.

We have on our faculty Dr. Allen O. Webb, a native Mississippian, pastor of Harlandale Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex.; Dr. W. J. Isbell Jr., Brotherhood Secretary for Alabama Baptist; Rev. Troy Prince, Superintendent of Associational Missions, Lauderdale Association; M. Lee Ferrell, Associate, Brotherhood Department; and Elmer Howell, Secretary of Brotherhood Department.

We will also have on program Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Dr. Harry Lee Spencer, W. R. Roberts, Adam J. Ortiz, and Dewitt Pickering.

HENDERSONVILLE, N. C.—(BP)—The General Board of North Carolina Baptist State Convention approved plans here for Mars Hill College to work toward becoming a senior college. The college is located at Mars Hill, N. C., in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

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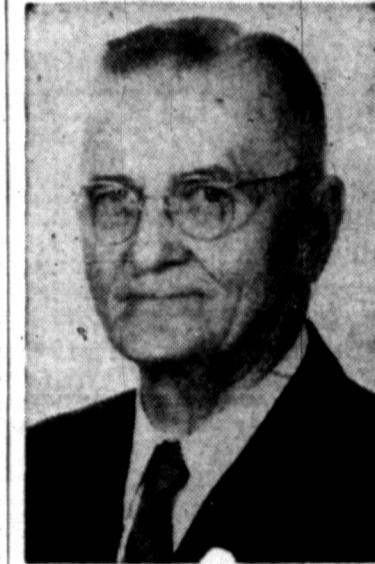
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TO SPEAK AT
HOMECOMING

Dr. R. A. Eddleman of Clinton will be the principal speaker at the 11 o'clock morning hour for the Homecoming Day service planned for Beulah Baptist Church in Choctaw County, Sunday, July 24.

Dr. Eddleman was ordained by this church, whose pastor now is Rev. Simon D. Butler.

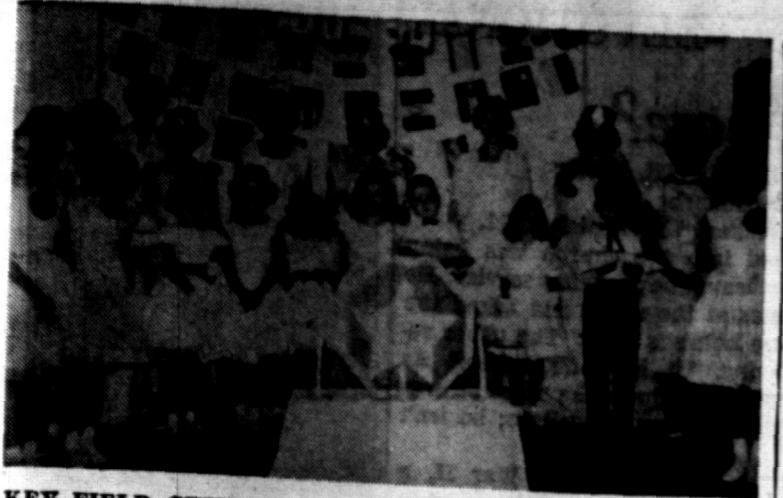
There will be dinner on the ground following the morning service. Other ministers to go out from this church include Rev. Charles Whitten and Rev. W. A. Whitten.

Lebanon Pastors Meet At 19th Ave.

Dr. Joel Ray, the Superintendent of Missions for Lebanon Association, spoke at the recent meeting of Lebanon Pastors held at 19th Avenue Baptist Church, Hattiesburg.

Dr. Parks McKittrick, moderator, presided at the meeting, which 32 persons attended. The next meeting of the Lebanon Pastors' Conference will be held on August 8 at the same place. Rev. Garland McInnis is the associational reporter.

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KEY FIELD CHURCH, MERIDIAN held a Coronation Service during G. A. Focus Week, using the theme, "For God So Loved." Frances Molony and Darlene Lee were crowned Queens. Ginger Rice became Queen-with-a-Scepter. Three Maidens, one Lady-in-Waiting, and four Princesses were recognized. A Mother-Daughter Banquet was also held during the week, with Miss Peggy Langley of Jackson as the guest speaker. Mrs. Wade Allen is the G. A. Director; Mrs. E. B. Culpepper is the W. M. U. President; Rev. Wade Allen is the pastor.

GRIFFITH MEMORIAL SENDS \$4,100 TO ITALIAN CHURCH

Griffith Memorial Church, Jackson, is helping a mission in Lodi, Italy, to purchase property for a church building. The Foreign Mission Board has

granted \$4,000 for this purchase, but rising prices caused a delay and the transaction lies out of the reach of the thirty members.

Dr. Kermit Canterbury, pastor of Griffith, was in Milan, Italy, last year for a revival, and preached in a court-yard to these people. He came back with a desire to lead the church in sharing in this worthy enterprise, so Griffith Memorial members have sent \$4,100 for this cause.

Lodi, Italy, is a city of 50,000 population. It has no sewerage or lighting system comparable to even villages in America. This small mission is the only evangelical body of believers in the city. It lies twenty-five miles from Milan, a city of one and one-half million, the most modern in Italy. Dr. Carmello Inguanti, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Milan, preaches to this mission church on Sunday afternoons.

The Baptists of Lodi have invited the Griffith pastor to return for a revival just as soon as the property has been turned into a church building.

Drill Winners

RIDGECREST, N. C.—(RBA) Jerry Frady, of Birmingham, Ala., and Jackson Touchberry of Summerton, S. C., respectively took first places in the south-wide finals of the Southern Baptist Young People's Speakers' Tournament and Intermediate Sword Drill here Saturday night.

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Sunday Reports

Sunday School Attendance
Training Union Attendance
Additions To The Church

JULY 17, 1960		
Aberdeen, 1st	487	165
Main	427	
Alanson	60	
Amory (Chickasaw)	71	45
Artesia	485	172
Bethlehem (Jones)	463	159
Bethel, Emmanuel	282	113
Booneville, Ave.	146	62
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	147	71
Brookhaven, 1st	827	283
Main	760	231
Brown, Hgt.	67	52
Bruce, 1st	239	138
Canton, Center Terrace	219	92
Calumet City, 1st	338	154
Clarkdale, Oakhurst	112	41
Clear Creek (LaF.)	364	164
Cleveland, 1st	367	38
Clinton, Morrison Hts.	181	121
Clinton, Morrison Hts.	138	94
Coldwater	262	127
Columbus, 1st	500	1
Columbus, 1st	788	168
Dixie (Leb.)	200	120
Greenville, Parkview	333	136
Hart, North	333	89
Greenwood, Calvary	431	181
Gulfport, First	946	293
Gulfport, Grace Mem.	354	86
Hattiesburg:		
First	601	247
Central	258	143
38th Avenue	224	126
Main Street	914	407
Main	874	370
North Main	23	19
West Side	17	18
Houston, 1st	409	131
Jackson:		
Southside	235	135
Calvary	1334	404
Highland	202	126
Dixie Memorial	920	373
Emmanuel	200	125
Oak Forest	346	140
McDowell Road	302	135
Crestwood	313	206
Bishop	300	103
Parkway	775	4
Alta Woods	994	460
Locust	297	8
Ridgecrest	727	287
West Jackson	415	157
Fairview	1434	384
Hillcrest	207	111
Temple	98	56
Midway	309	96
Kosciusko, 1st	689	234
Main	626	
Mobile Miss.	12	
South Kos. Miss.	51	
Laurel:		
Highland	392	145
Wildwood	338	143
Highway	157	112
Magnolia St.	146	91
Second Ave.	400	175
Longview	83	62
Louis	83	32
Lucedale, 1st	328	120
Locust	128	27
McComb:		
Locust St.	179	100
Central	238	93
South	296	91
Friendship	251	102
Marksville, Sides	207	15
Meridian, Midway	207	150
Meridian, Key Field	96	49
Mr. Pleasant (Lincoln)	105	77
Moss Point, East	327	147
Mission	268	114
Morton, 1st	50	23
Natchez, 1st	561	181
Natchez, Morgantown	269	134
New Hope (Cov.)	100	63
New Albany, 1st	662	200
New Albany, Neely Mem.	84	20
Newton, 1st	412	175
Oakdale (Lawrence)	129	64
Oxford, 1st	500	191
Pascagoula, 1st	617	163
Pass Christian, Eastlawn	173	152
Pearl	252	93
Pelahatchie	186	93
Petal, Crestview	138	106
Picayune, 1st	553	128
Mississippi	330	128
Pineview (Jackson)	129	80
Purvis, 1st	304	73
Quiltman, 1st	343	94
Richland (Rankin)	272	132
Ridge, 1st	277	175
Main	315	135
Rolling Fork, 1st	59	40
Rolling Fork, 1st	204	86
Ruth (GC)	61	43
Sherman	96	49
Siloam (Clay)	148	45
Soso, 1st	123	69
Springfield (Scott)	188	122
Starkville, 1st	800	306
Terry	198	94
Trinity (Jones)	102	47
Tupelo:		
Harisburg	628	212
Calvary	511	201
Spring St.	63	22
First	442	112
Tutwiler, 1st	155	56
Union, 1st	378	129
Mission	23	
West Point:		
West End	219	151
First	425	162
Wheeler Grove (AIC.)	140	112
Whitesand (Jeff Davis)	278	187
Clara, First	96	49
Elk Point (Oconee)	442	112
Tutwiler, 1st	207	107
Union, 1st	155	56
Mission	378	129
West Point:		
West End (Win.)	219	151
First	425	162
Wheeler Grove (AIC.)	140	112
Whitesand (Jeff Davis)	278	187
Clara, First	96	49
Elk Point (Oconee)	442	112
Tutwiler, 1st	207	107
Union, 1st	155	56
Mission	378	129
Mississippi	330	128
Pecan Grove (Jones)	54	60
Whitesand (Jeff Davis)	288	185

250 ATTEND WALTHALL YOUTH NIGHT

Approximately 250 attended Walthall Association Youth Night on June 11 at Tylerne Church, the largest attendance at Youth Night recorded by the association.

Teddy Estess, Young People's President of the Walthall Association, was in charge at the service. Sara Lou Fortenberry was organist, Jon Hinson pianist and Elwood Parish song leader. The Youth Choir of Tylerne Church provided special music.

Rev. Bob Marsh, Springhill Church, Mobile, Ala., was featured speaker. His subject: "Whose Fool Are You?" Fellowship and refreshments followed the service.

Mrs. Ned A. Gennin is the Associational Young People's Leader.

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—The City of North Little Rock has awarded a contract for construction of a \$2,000,000 new hospital to be financed by a government grant and funds raised in a bond issue. The hospital will be leased to Arkansas Baptist Hospital for operation and is expected to be ready for use by January, 1962.

— THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

God Desires Steadfast Love

By Dr. L. Bracey Campbell

Scripture Text: Hosea. All of

it. INTRODUCTION. It was an evening some days ago, the Mrs. Campbell called supper. She may not have called it that, but that is what it was. I answered that I was busy with the last few words of Amos, and wished that she would join me immediately after the meal in reading Hosea. She consented, and we read together the prophecy of Hosea, she two chapters, and I two chapters, all the way. Perhaps that took twenty minutes, perhaps a few more. We have each a copy of the excellent Revised Standard

Version, and we enjoy reading it from time to time. Have you tried that, Brother? Do it regularly a few dozen times, and, if you just can't like it, write and tell me why. The Bracey Campbells liked it from the first.

This man, Hosea, is different from Amos, though living a contemporary of Amos for a number of his last years. As Amos' sun was sinking, that of Hosea was rising. They were two different types of men: Amos was from a land of rocks and sand and nearly sterile soil, of few native trees, and the fig trees among them bearing a fruit that had to be bruised before it would sweeten so as to be pleasant to the taste of those who ate it, and of stunted sheep which did compensate somewhat for their dwarfish stature by producing an extraordinary quality of wool.

Amos was native to this country and was doubtless moulded by it. He grappled with life in truceless struggle, and from his grudging environment literally wrenching the means of his meager living. He conceived Israel's God as one who pointed the way of life and demanded that men walk in it, and woe to the man or the woman who treated His offer of life with scorn or indifference.

"You have mistreated, despised, neglected, rejected God, now that you have done this beyond the point of God's utmost mercy. Prepare to meet thy God, (which I may say is not a good text for a revival sermon unless, dear brother, you intend to preach to your hearers that, since they have flouted all God's offers, and He is about to smite, that they had better get ready now to go to hell and men may and do come to this sad state, and you'd better not forget it).

Hosea was not like that. He sees in God an infinite, tender, long-suffering lover. He expresses God's message through him in a style abrupt, metaphorical, and figurative. Israel is Jehovah's adulterous wife, repudiated, but ultimately to be purified and restored. And this is Hosea's distinctive message. That message may be summed up in two words, "Lo-ammi," meaning "Not-my-people", and "Ammi," meaning "My-people."

I. **GOD'S CONTROVERSY WITH ISRAEL.** "The Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge in the land." (Hosea 4:1) Here put this paper down and read the first three chapters of Hosea. "Controversy" means "lawsuit". God had an indictment against Israel. The people were no doubt astonished at this. Weren't they rich, and getting richer? Hadn't they built fine temples and ordained priests and provided sacrifices? What did God want, anyhow?

1. He wanted truth, and His people denied Him that, but lived a lying allegiance to Him.

2. He wanted mercy in His people, and they didn't give Him that. Hosea loved his faithless wife and took her home to him. God loves His sinning people, and would cleanse them and take them to Himself, but as God sees they will not do, but cast off the one-time erring wife or child forever.

3. He wanted faithfulness in His people, and they didn't give Him that. Israel, typified by Gomer, had proved faithless to her God, and turned her back on His love. Israel was now in Gomer's state; a state of moral corruption and decay.

have done contrary and violate of His will for us. Let us come to the point of saying and being sincere in our saying, "Thy will for us, not ours, O Lord, reveal to us, and that shall be done, as a perfectly obedient will upon our part can do it.

You and I alike have erred in some sad hour we have known. Now let us seek the face of our Father in consciousness of our sin as against Him and, in sincere contrition come to Him for pardon and, though we cannot understand how, in the way of justice He can, still trust in His pardoning grace.

Macon Sets Day of Prayer

At 9 a.m., Monday, July 25, members of First Church, Macon, will pause briefly in prayer wherever they are and whatever they may be doing. This action will take place each Monday morning for an indefinite period and all members of all churches are invited to participate.

Spokesmen for the church said the prayer was for a two-fold purpose: (1), to beseech the Lord to give to mankind the wisdom with which to avert world war and to promote the bettering of the world situation; and (2) to seek the Lord's blessings upon the presidential nominating conventions, the candidates and the campaign, and upon the man ultimately chosen as president.

The proposal originated in the church's Woman's Missionary Society and was formally approved by the church Sunday night. Rev. Ivor Clark is pastor.



MISS HILDA JONES, Kreole, a 1960 graduate of Blue Mountain College, has accepted the position of Church Secretary, First Church, Greenwood, Dr. J. H. Kyzar, pastor. She will attend a special school for Church Secretaries at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., July 18-22.



DAN KONG is pastor of the largest church in the newest of the United States. As you may guess from the name, he is Chinese. A third generation Christian, Kong is a graduate of Georgetown (Ky.) College and of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. His parents were Episcopalians, but during the war—when gas was rationed—he attended the Baptist church because it was in walking distance. Although his family had a career in business charted for him, Kong was called to the ministry. He serves Olivet Baptist Church, Honolulu. With him are the Kong family members—wife, former Mary Eleanor Braddock of Ripley, Miss.; Betty Jo, born in April; Daniel, 5½; Edna, 2½, and Verdine, 4.—(BP) Photo.

Eddleman Speaks At TU Meeting

RIDGECREST, N. C.—(RBA)—Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, addressing 300 delegates to the Southern Baptist Training Union Leadership assembly here July 7, stressed, "Salvation is without cost to the individual."

The president of New Orleans Seminary continued: "Salvation plumbeth the depth of divine resources. It cost God His Son and cost the Son his life."

"Nevertheless, work out your salvation," Dr. Eddleman said in conclusion. "Salvation freely bestowed can become the foundation for the super-structure of a majestic character and noble life developed out of appreciation for God's grace."



NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BSSB)—

Two program leaders for the Annual Church Administration and Public Relations Conference at Glorieta, N. M. Baptist Assembly, and Ridgecrest, N. C. Baptist Assembly are: Allen W. Graves, dean, School of Religious Education, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, of Louisville, Ky., who speaks at Glorieta Aug. 11-17 and Dick McCartney, director of Public Relations, Baptist General Convention of the State of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, who speaks at Ridgecrest August 25-31.

First, Marks Has Youth Week

First Church, Marks, observed its annual Youth Week, June 19-26. Approximately 56 Intermediates and Young People filled places of responsibility during this week.

Church leaders during the week were Lee Lundy, pastor; John Gunter, Jo Burns, Bobby Eavenson, Richard May, Ted Norris, and Kenny Youngblood.

In addition to the regular services of the church, the young men of the church met with the Brotherhood for its regular supper meeting; Frank Tupper, Assistant Pastor of the West Marks Church, was the speaker.

Other activities for the young people during the summer include a Youth-led Revival, August 14-21.

Rev. John Daley is pastor and Jerry Neely is Youth Director.

-DEVOTIONAL

Is God There?

By REV. D. D. SATTERWHITE, Pastor

Bay Springs Church

"Why is the house of God forsaken?" Nehemiah 13:11.

The drunk who had staggered into the church was being ushered to the door and invited to leave the morning service. He paused and looked with glassy eyes at the usher and asked the question, "Whose house is this?" The usher responded by saying, "It is God's house." As the drunk staggered on down the steps he was heard to say, "Well, I may as well go; he isn't home anyway."

Following the days of World War II, a book entitled "I found the Church There" was read by many. The soldiers, as they visited the islands and isolated places truly found a type of worship in each. However, do we today really come away from our churches, which we have found, saying, "I found God there." Is God really at home when we go into His house and worship?"

The Message

The preacher has a vital part in placing God in the midst of every service. By the substance of his message he can cause every hearer to hear God and respond to his teaching. The sermon must be food for the soul rather than just a matter of feeding the folly of the members. Does God, through the preacher, refresh their souls and stir their hearts until they do accept Jesus? Do the saved feel the need for a better type of living and a deeper devotion to service? Jesus did not preach to entertain, but in every instance he magnified the Father. His message was truly "the power of God unto Salvation." When Jesus preached he drew men unto himself. But as he drew them, they realized that they had also been with the Father. Every message from the preacher's lips should cause every man to feel, in his worship, that he has been with God.

Christian Living

Many churches today are practically empty because the members have not caused the world to see God. The beauty of Christian living by those attending church will fill the pews for every service. The song writer has asked us a soul-searching question, "Do others see Jesus in you?" Church members should make God the center of their lives and the heart of every service. This can be done by a previous prayer experience and the study of God's word. Christians should prove that they love God as they give with a sense of dedication. By their cooperation with the pastor, working together to lift God up, God is exalted and people are drawn to Him.

The house of God is forsaken because, in too many instances, people do not feel that GOD IS THERE.

Perkins Air-Conditioned

Perkins Church has recently air-conditioned its auditorium. Four ton-an-a-half window units have been purchased for the purpose of cooling and heating. Insulation has been installed and the units have proven to be adequate.

It is hoped that soon a new floor can be put in the auditorium and that the entire building can be painted. Rev. Don H. Stewart is pastor.

Homecoming Set For August 7 At Interstate Church

An old fashioned Homecoming has been planned by Interstate Church, Bolivar Association for Sunday, August 7, to launch the summer revival. Dinner will be served on the church grounds.

All former pastors and church members are invited to attend. Rev. Riley Munday is pastor.



Rev. D. C. Jenkins

Bethlehem

To Celebrate

90th Anniversary

Observing the pastor's fourth anniversary, commemorating the 90th year as an organized church, and beginning revival services, will be combined into "one great day" for Bethlehem Church, Jones Association, Sunday, July 24.

The pastor, Rev. D. C. Jenkins, is finishing four years of service as Bethlehem's pastor. In 1948-50 he served two and one-half years; thus his total service with the church is six and one-half years.

Bethlehem, organized in 1870, is the fourth oldest church in the Jones Association. It has grown from a quarter-time church in 1946 to a full-time church with a full-time program. Its membership in 1948 was 325. Today with another church going out of Bethlehem, it has a membership of 502. It has increased tremendously its missions offering in both Cooperative Program gifts and also designated gifts.

The Sunday morning service July 24 will be devoted to homecoming activities, with the pastor delivering the homecoming message. Rev. Cecil Harper, minister of music, West Laurel Church, will lead the singing. In the afternoon the West Laurel Choir will sing, as will Bethlehem's Ladies Ensemble. Dinner on the ground following the morning service will be held. (See "Revival Dates" column.)

Resolution Honors S. E. Lawrence

First Church, Columbia, Rev. Howard Aultman, pastor, adopted the following resolution concerning Dr. S. E. Lawrence, who died recently:

"WHEREAS, Dr. S. E. Lawrence was an active and faithful member of First Baptist Church Columbia, Mississippi, for more than a half-century,

"AND WHEREAS, Dr. Lawrence was a deacon of this church, in active service, during the greater part of fifty years, until the time of his death,

"AND WHEREAS, the Deacon, beloved of all members of said church, was the director of the Adult Choir for more than forty years on a voluntary basis,

"AND WHEREAS, the life of our Brother in Christ was of eternal worth to the life of First Church in stewardship, missions and all benevolences,

"AND WHEREAS, the interest of this great man in all phases of the work of our church continued until his departure from the earthly life,

"AND WHEREAS, his influence shall eternally be continued in Columbia and in all phases of Baptist life throughout the sphere of his existence,

"THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that our church express thanksgiving unto God for the evidences of His Grace revealed in the life of Deacon Lawrence, as it was lived among us."

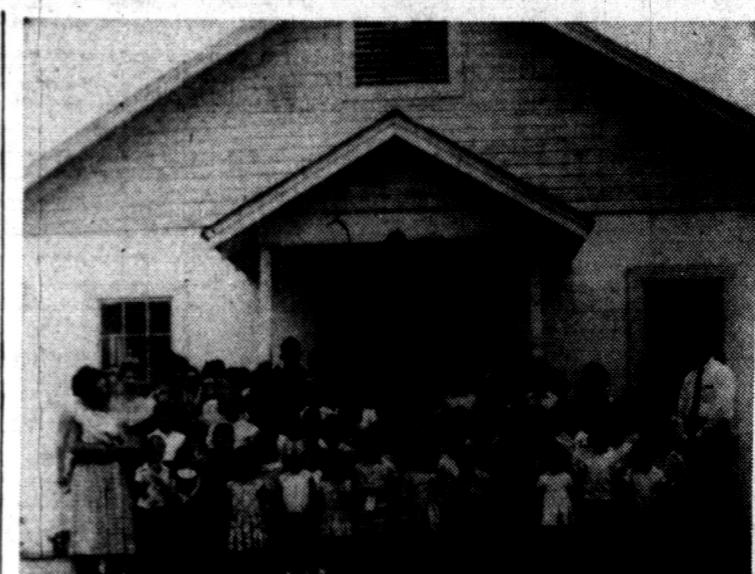
Terry Juniors Tour Baptist Offices

A group of 19 Juniors and 4 workers from Terry Church toured the Baptist Building on Thursday, July 14 as a part of the youth program sponsored by the church for the summer.

Each Thursday afternoon a Junior recreational period is held with the purpose of being educational as well as creative.

The group also toured the Baptist Book Store, Baptist Orphanage and Hinds County Associational Missions office.

Don Cooper is youth director and Rev. E. R. Quattlebaum is pastor.



FOUR MILE CREEK MISSION near Pascagoula, a mission of East Moss Point Church, had 80 enrolled in Bible School this year, with an average attendance of 75. Faculty and pupils are pictured above. Rev. Norman G. Walker Jr., is the pastor.



A YWA CITATION SERVICE was held recently at First Church, Soso, where six girls received citation awards and the citation key. They are, above, Jacqueline Coats, Cynthia Bush, Nina Pearl Sunrall, Alice Upton, Joe Frances Jeffcoat, and Martha Doris Jeffcoat. Mrs. A. T. Walker is the YWA counselor; Mrs. Lester Green is YWA Director; Mrs. Roy Welch is WMU President; Rev. A. T. Walker is pastor.

Church, Lubbock, Texas, by the Home Mission Board. She is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary.

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